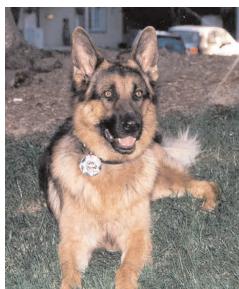


COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Mountain View Police Department K-9 Unit performs K-9 Demonstrations throughout the community during the year.

The K-9 unit regularly visits elementary schools and provides the students with an overview of the K-9 Unit and a demonstration of the dog's abilities. The K-9 Unit also has a course of instruction in the Citizen Police Academy sponsored by the City of Mountain View Police Department.

If you or your organization would like more information on the K-9 Unit or would like to have the K-9 Unit perform a demonstration for your group, contact the Community Action & Information Unit at (650) 903-6357.



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

We invite you to join the partnership. You can become a Reserve Police Officer, join a Community Neighborhood Watch Group, attend the Citizen's Police Academy, become a Police Volunteer, participate in a citizen ride-along or just communicate your concerns and ideas to our Officers.

Together, we can make a difference!

For more information contact:

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MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT



HISTORY

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THE MVPD K-9 PROGRAM

- The Mountain View Police Department K-9 unit was established in 1961.
- It is one of the longest running K-9 programs in the Bay Area. Many other Police K-9 programs were patterned after Mountain View's.
- Currently staffed with three K-9 teams the department has the ability to utilize this valuable resource 24 hours a day.

THE DOGS

The City of Mountain View has always imported their dogs from Europe. Generally, from Germany, but have selected dogs from The Czech Republic and Austria.

The City chooses to import the dogs as the standard of breeding overseas is much stricter. These standards have consistently provided the City with dogs from good working lineage. Free from hereditary defects such as hip problems or overly aggressive behavior.

SERVICES

The Mountain View Police Department's K-9 unit provides the community with a diverse and unique aspect of Law Enforcement. The K-9 teams are trained in searching, tracking, locating evidence, narcotics, and apprehending criminals that may otherwise escape arrest.

The dogs sense of smell is approximately 400 times that of a human. Utilizing this attribute, the dog can quickly search an area and detect intruders. The dog saves time and lessens the risk factor to the officers. The K-9's are also deployed at the scenes of major crimes. Their functions may include locating evidence, tracking the suspects escape route, or simply securing the area.

The Mountain View K-9 teams are also certified in the detection of Narcotics. Each team is trained in the detection of marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine.

The K-9 unit is frequently called upon to assist in the execution of search warrants. The K-9 assists in expediting the search of the area and is instrumental in locating areas where Narcotics are hidden that may well be passed over by humans. Utilizing the dog's sense of smell for law enforcement purposes has proven time and time again to be a valuable resource to our community.

K-9 TEAMS

Each K-9 handler is selected from the Patrol Division after submitting an application of interest in the K-9 program and passing an interview.

After the Handler is selected the K-9 partner is purchased. The cost of each dog is generally five to six thousand dollars. The Team then starts a rigorous 30 day training course. Once the training is completed, the K-9 team must pass a State Certified test, both for Police Service dog and Narcotic detection.